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This number of the News Letter contains reports of the annual meeting at St. Paul. We hope these reports may carry something of the inspiration and good fellowship which those present enjoyed to those unable to attend.

It has been finally decided to hold the next meeting of the National Conference in Chicago, Sept. 27-30. The headquarters of the Conference will be the Chicago Beach Hotel, and the sessions of the Conference will be held at the Fine Arts Building, Michigan boulevard. This is a new departure that should receive special recognition and awaken our warm interest. For the first time in its history the Conference will meet in the West. Many members of Eastern churches, who have previously made the Conference large, will not be able to come to Chicago. But many in this section who have not been able to go to places previously chosen can go to Chicago. The bold and chivalrous venture of the Council of the Conference in coming within our reach ought to be met with generous support, and their experiment be made so successful as to leave no question of its wisdom.

The Harvard Summer School of Theology will hold its session this year July 7-22, the general subject being, "Present Religious Conditions and Prospects." The prospectus makes clear the purpose of the course: "Although the present time seems to show a marked decline in religion, there are those who believe that this is more apparent than real, and that, quite apart from institutional religion, there are indications in contemporary social, scientific and philosophical movements of a fresh and vital religious interest which presents new duties to the Christian Church and summons it to large opportunities. It is to an inquiry into the grounds for this belief that the Summer School of Theology for 1909 will be devoted." It is significant that half the lecturers on the program come from other than theological faculties.

The Meadville Summer School will deal exclusively with Sunday School work, setting forth both the proper matter and the proper manner for Sunday School instruction. This course is intended for laymen and laywomen quite as much as for ministers. Here is an opportunity to get stimulus and technique for the next year's work in the Sunday School.

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## REPORT OF THE WESTERN CONFERENCE MEETINGS HELD IN ST. PAUL, MAY 17-20.

To begin where one should end, I may say that this was the most enjoyable, solid and satisfactory Conference we have had for many years. Nothing very startling was said or done, but we are a people who are not enamored of noise or sensations. The weather was favorable, though the weather man did attempt to dampen our zeal with a shower, but in vain. Thirty ministers and lay delegates came from about twenty-five churches. These represented societies as far away as Cincinnati, Ohio, and Lawrence, Kan. St. Paul is a long way from the center of the Conference, and this number of delegates exceeded rather than fell below our expectations. The good folks of the local church entertained us all most royally, the ladies provided two delightful noon lunches at the church, while the evening meetings brought out a goodly number of the busy people of the parish, reinforced by the faithful from Minneapolis.

There was a feeling of harmony in the air; no one spoke despondently, but all seemed to feel that we are doing things worth while, so each rejoiced in what the other had to tell. The Conference sermon preached by Rev. F. M. Bennett of Lawrence, Kas., was from the text St. John 1:9, "The light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world." This universal light is man's power to think God's thoughts after him, to create and to enjoy beauty and supremely in the impulse to righteousness and love. Man is a creator in the realm of character, a co-laborer with God. While this light comes to every man, it burns clearly or goes out under certain pressures of environment or unfaithfulness on our part. For the pressure of industrial environment which chokes the flame in hindered lives, and for the personal choices which put it out in our own lives *we* are responsible. Humanity can change social conditions; we can choose the better way. Let us remember always that we are light bearers.

No session of the Conference was more enthusiastic than that of the Alliance. This is reported elsewhere. The ministers' luncheon on Tuesday at 5:30 was addressed by Rev. M. O. Simons of Cleveland, Ohio, who told in simple but telling manner how young men are being reached in his church. Messrs. Jones, Foote, Weatherly and Gilmore carried on the discussion. The evening meeting on Tuesday was well attended. After singing a hymn the presiding officer, Rev. Geo. Thayer of Cincinnati, introduced Rev. W. F. Greenman, who spoke on "The Church as a Spiritual Power." God is a spirit, so is man. What is spirituality? Whatever helps man to achieve his sonship to God, to be a self-reliant, self-helping son of the divine, or, in other words, a complete human being. Spirituality being the work of the church, where shall it begin this? Shall it be in social and charitable work? Yes, if the community needs it. But it is just as important to convert the well-fed and well-dressed classes to relinquish their old jungle instincts. Charitable work is not always and necessarily a means of spiritual power. The primary work of every church is to its own constituency. That they may be taught the sinfulness of sin, that sin is its own worst punishment. And, secondly, to teach that the ideal may be made practical, whether for the individual or society.

Rev. A. L. Weatherly of Lincoln, Neb., followed with an address on "The Effective Church." In older days the church was made efficient by obedience. This is not possible with us. Neither is it made efficient by taking up into itself economic and social questions. Some would have the church advocate the single tax or the referendum, or Socialism. This would reduce the church to a Henry George society or a socialist club. All such attempts depend for their efficiency upon agreement. This, too, like obedience, is unworkable with us. It is in proclaiming ideals that the church becomes effective. If these be held on high they will draw men to them, and in the same church which proclaims the ideal of brotherhood will be found every variety of political or economic opinion. We must be brave enough to do this and sure enough of our mission to be faithful to it. Thus the church becomes a means for drawing out the best in the community, and so an educational factor of the highest order.

Rev. J. Vila Blake's handling of Psycho-Therapy was masterly. Commencing by humorously saying that he found physicians and mechanics the most interesting people next after Unitarian preachers, the speaker soon led his auditors into as sound and sane a talk on this theme of current interest as it has been our good fortune to hear or read. Far from being anything new, the belief that the body is made whole through the mind, and especially through religious feeling, is older than Galen. All sensible practitioners have known it. A Chicago doctor was quoted as saying that the greatest medicament a physician can bring to the sick room is his own healthy moral being. And a great English alienist said that prayer was the most effective therapeutic agent known to him. Just as true and real is the help of medicine. True piety uses both kinds. Especially religion guided by science seeks prevention, and this is as divine as cure. Divine sanitation and divine prevention just as pious and as much from God as divine healing. It is one and the same power that, using aconite to control the beat of the heart, uses suggestion and faith to quiet distracted nerves.

Wednesday forenoon was taken up with Conference business. Mr. Francis B. Tiffany of St. Paul gave a cordial word of welcome to the conference, both to Unity Church and to the city of St. Paul. The vice-president, Mr. C. W. Ames, of St. Paul, gave a stirring address in which wit and wisdom were mingled in a most happy fashion. Rev. E. C. Smith read his report as secretary. Although but seven weeks in office, he has a good grip on the situation. All the churches but a very few in the Conference have regular services. About four hundred new members have been added in the past year. New churches have been dedicated at Urbana, Ill., Iowa City, Iowa, and Youngstown, Ohio, while a parsonage is under construction at Iowa City and a parish house is to be built at Madison. A great majority of the active ministers are young men and women with the zeal and determination of youth. The Treasurer's report showed a total of thirty-six hundred dollars as the income of the Conference. Adding to this about twelve hundred contributed by the churches to the A. U. A. gives the gratifying sum of forty-eight hundred dollars coming from the Western Conference and used for missionary purposes.

The News Letter occupied some time of the delegates, and it was voted to place the subject of a Western Conference Paper in the hands of a committee.

Following the reports of the state Conferences Rev. Wilson M. Backus gave the greetings of the A. U. A.

The afternoon was given to two addresses by Rev. C. F. Elliott of Quincy, Ill., and Rev. John W. Day of St. Louis. The first speaker said that true progress is in following an ideal. Judged by this criterion, much that we call progress is mere gain in comfort or safety. He then discussed politics, education and other themes. Mr. Day was clearly of the opinion that the church should not pose as a moral reformer, but should engender the spirit which alone makes changes profitable and permanent. The preacher is liable to be led astray by emotionalism and say injudicious things. He cited the case of a great trial

before a state court where the evidence filled scores of volumes. Only the men who can digest all this can give worthy decision.

The evening platform meeting was held during a heavy rain. Mr. Pulsford of Chicago, in quiet, impressive words, presented the outlook for humanity as science shows it. Mr. Gilmore of Madison, speaking of the religious outlook, said that for us liberals the way lies between the Scylla of state orthodoxy and the Charybdis of irreligion.

A devotional meeting in charge of Mr. Wellman of Humboldt, Iowa, opened the Thursday session. Sunday School matters followed, in which Mr. Wellman, Mr. Rubinkam, Mrs. Mersereau and others took part.

The question of local autonomy, which has been somewhat dreaded for the past year, was settled by resolutions introduced by Mr. Bennett and the selection of a committee of three ministers and three laymen to consider and report on them next May. Mr. Day urged all to prepare for the National Conference in Chicago next September. The officers for the ensuing year were then elected. After lunch in the church dining room the Y. P. R. U. took up the time till 4 p. m. Rev. H. W. Foote presided. Rev. Manley B. Townsend of Sioux City, Iowa, gave a graphic and helpful account of the work of his young people. Rev. C. F. Niles of Menomonie, Wis., followed with an equally valuable talk. A short business session brought out other phases of the relation of the Western Conference to the A. U. A., in which Mr. Hawley, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Clark and Mr. Blake took part.

The meetings closed with the banquet. A happy group of delegates and local friends filled the tables. Mr. C. W. Ames presided in the way that has made him famous. Mr. Foote, Mr. Hawley, Mr. Gebauer, Mr. Weatherly and Mrs. Mersereau, "each in his own tongue," spoke wise and witty words. A more satisfactory affair of this kind we have not seen for lo, these many years. F. A. Gilmore.

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## ALLIANCE NOTES.

In Unity Church, St. Paul, Minn., Tuesday, May 18, 1909, was Alliance Day, filled with earnest and helpful messages from many branches. From many states were given reports of the work of the women. Mrs. C. V. Mersereau, of St. Louis, presided, and with her broad knowledge and keen interest in the work of the women, linked the reports together happily. No matter how large or how small the group, each one finds some helpful work to do. The women were reminded that the object of the Alliance is not primarily to sew and to raise money, though that often seems the great need. From several branches came words of appreciation for the helpful, earnest interest of the ministers' wives and several times reports were made by ministers because representative women were absent. The Alliance Manual will give in detail the reports of all Alliances, so only general or unusual points will be mentioned here.

Both morning and afternoon sessions were well attended, though some familiar faces and voices were missed. The warm hand clasp and the ring of the voice of hope and courage were inspiring to those present.

Some ministers who spoke deplored the "commercial scramble," as one man called the women's work with cambric needle, suppers and novel entertainments. It is true no Alliance stands first for these things, but often finds them the only means for raising the money necessary for all the church activities. The sense of co-operation is an uplift, even when there is weariness of mind and body. Favorable comment was made that members of many Alliances join so heartily in public philanthropic work. One Alliance has found profitable its winter's study of Hudson's books. Another has a fifteen-minute literary program every sewing day.

Special good fortune has befallen the church in Madison, where a Parish House has been given for the use of the women. This Alliance gives a reception the last Saturday of every month. In Sioux City the minister has given a talk once a month to the Unity Guild upon the Comparative Study of the Great Religions. At Wichita, Kan., the minister always attends the Alliance meetings, and reported they are doing fine work, both literary and industrial.

One important hint for the women was that more home makers invite into their homes the young men and women who are students or workers living alone in a city.

Even anticipation of luncheon with difficulty drew people away from the morning meeting, but a pleasant walk ended at the Angus Hotel, where at small tables seventy-four women were seated to enjoy the wild flowers upon the tables, the delicious luncheon, pleasant converse and after dinner remarks from a few of the visiting delegates called upon by Mrs. S. R. Child, Director for Minnesota.

The afternoon session was opened by the singing of the Alliance hymn, "Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve." The invocation was by Miss Harrington and the address of welcome by Mrs. H. E. Randall of St. Paul. Mrs. C. W. Ames of St. Paul presided in the place of Mrs. E. N. Delano of Chicago, absent because of her own illness. Upon motion of Mrs. Child it was voted to send a telegram of greeting to Mrs. Delano.

Two papers only were given upon the subject, "Woman's Work in the Church," because of the absence of Mrs. Hiram Marks of Detroit, who was to

speak, her subject being, "In the Past." Mrs. Mersereau read a paper of great interest upon the work of the women "In the Present." She felt that women are doing practical work, raising money where necessary and helping in material ways, that they are "socializing" the church; that is, affiliating with all good causes in the community, and, most important of all, perhaps, raising their ideals. Women are learning to say to small things: "Stand back, let the larger things have place." They are learning not to be like the lighthouse keeper who gave his oil to the humble, needy people, while he deprived them and others of the great light it was his duty to keep shining.

This paper was followed by one rich in suggestions for "Woman's Work in the Future," by Mrs. T. G. Winter of Minneapolis. She began by saying: "We imagine things as they ought to be and then say they shall be done. A sane prophecy renders the drudgery of today endurable. We must recognize that there are great differences between men and women, physical as well as mental, and that the present unbalanced condition may come from the fact that woman has not done her share. Her affection, her reverence, her apprehension of the eternal mystery of motherhood make it possible to do much. She is not satisfied with science and reason, but helps a spiritual interpretation of life: At first man felt the universe to be his enemy and woman was humble and feeble. Then he learned power over sea and land and there revelation of beauty to eye and ear and nature became the servant of mind. Next it must become the servant of spirit. Such a soul was Jesus, and we may be joint heirs with him. Conquest of self by love, reverence, purity and self-sacrifice leads to conquest of others. Men and women will then care more for other men and women and with their hearts recognize true brotherhood. Woman's personal vision, for which she has been rebuked, will become her glory. She will make changes, not by the wholesale, but by her personal interest in individuals. So in education, not what the instructor teaches is most important, but what she is in her influence. With her deep sense of reverence and her mother love woman will touch crude conditions, uplift and inspire all that comes within her presence."

In the discussion following there were words of appreciation and added wisdom by Mrs. Child, Mrs. Ames, Mrs. Hawley and others. Mrs. A. H. Norman was asked to tell of the work she and her husband are doing among the liberal Norwegians. Her account of those earnest people was very interesting, especially of their Alliance of about 48 women. They are giving thought and strength, co-operating with the men to build a much needed building in the town, where all the helpful activities of a church may have good shelter. A public library is to have place there, and the young people are saving money for the piano for their social room. The opposition of the less liberal churches acts as a stimulant rather than a deterrent to their work. This report was an inspiring example of co-operation with practical results growing out of the uplifting ideals.

EVA W. HAYWARD.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT.

### RECEIPTS.

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| From churches | $1,893.49 |
| From interest on invested funds | 1,471.00 |
| From individuals | 6.00 |
| From secretary in field | 300.25 |
| | $3,670.74 |

### EXPENDITURES.

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| Secretary's salary | | $2,500.00 |
| Office rent | | 720.00 |
| Clerk's salary | | 300.00 |
| Office expense | | 130.98 |
| Treasurer's expense (exchange) | | 3.50 |
| Conference expense, 1908 | | 44.25 |
| Unity Publishing Committee— | | |
| Expenses | $138.52 | |
| Receipts | 82.04 | |
| | | 56.48 |
| News Letter expense in excess of receipts | | .81 |
| | | $3,756.02 |
| Deficit, 1907-08 | | $ 107.80 |
| Deficit, 1908-09 | | 85.28 |
| | | $ 193.08 |

### CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CHURCHES.

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| Alton, Ill. | $ 31.00 |
| Ann Arbor, Mich. | 20.00 |
| Arcadia, Wis., Ladies' Alliance | 10.00 |
| Buda, Ill. | 10.00 |
| Burlington, Iowa | 10.00 |
| Champaign, Ill. | 10.00 |
| Chicago—First | 225.00 |
| Unity | 105.00 |
| Third | 40.00 |
| All Souls' | 25.00 |
| Swedish | 5.00 |
| Central | 10.00 |
| Cincinnati, Ohio | 50.00 |
| Cleveland, Ohio | 300.00 |
| Davenport, Iowa | 25.00 |
| Des Moines, Iowa | 10.00 |
| Detroit, Mich. | 25.00 |
| Duluth, Minn. | 12.50 |
| Evanston, Ill. | 20.00 |
| Geneseo, Ill. | 62.68 |
| Geneva, Ill. | 10.00 |
| Greeley, Colo. | 10.00 |
| Hanska, Minn. | 6.00 |
| Harietta, Mich. | 2.00 |
| Hinsdale, Ill. | 25.00 |
| Hobart, Ind. | 10.00 |
| Humboldt, Iowa | 10.00 |
| Indianapolis, Ind. | 10.00 |
| Iowa City, Iowa | 8.45 |
| Jackson, Mich. | 10.27 |
| Kalamazoo, Mich. | 20.00 |
| Kansas City, Mo. | 10.00 |
| Kenosha, Wis. | 25.00 |
| Keokuk, Iowa | 10.00 |
| Lawrence, Kan. | 10.00 |
| Lincoln, Neb. | 25.00 |
| Luverne, Minn. | 20.00 |
| Madison, Wis. | 25.00 |
| Marietta, Ohio | 10.00 |
| Menomonie, Wis. | 10.00 |
| Milwaukee, Wis. | 113.24 |

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| Minneapolis—First | 20.00 |
| Free Christian | 5.00 |
| Mount Pleasant, Mich. | 10.00 |
| Omaha, Neb. | 25.00 |
| Ord, Neb. | 10.00 |
| Perry, Iowa | 5.00 |
| Quincy, Ill. | 25.00 |
| St. Cloud, Minn. | 10.00 |
| St. Louis—Unity | 100.00 |
| Messiah | 106.00 |
| St. Paul, Minn. | 100.30 |
| Serena, Ill. | 10.00 |
| Shelbyville, Ill. | 3.55 |
| Sherwood, Mich. | 5.00 |
| Sioux City, Iowa | 10.00 |
| Toledo, Ohio | 40.00 |
| Topeka, Kan. | 7.50 |
| Winnipeg, Manitoba—Icelandic | 5.00 |
| Wichita, Kan. | 10.00 |
| | $1,893.49 |

ANNUAL MEMBERS.

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| Rev. W. M. Backus, Minneapolis, Minn. | $1.00 |
| Rev. W. C. Gannett, Rochester, N. Y. | 1.00 |
| Mr. A. R. McAlpine, Chicago | 2.00 |
| Mr. Lewis H. Williams, Waukegan, Ill. | 2.00 |
| | $6.00 |

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT CONFERENCE.

*Resolved,* That a committee to consist of Rev. W. M. Backus, Rev. Ernest C. Smith and Rev. Henry W. Foote be hereby appointed to revise the constitution of this conference, rules for the conduct of the business of the Board of Directors, and of the sessions of the Conference, and also to revise the methods for nominating the Board of Directors and the Officers of the Conference, this committee to present its report for adoption at the next meeting of the Conference.

*Resolved,* That the Directors be instructed to secure nominations from the churches for Directors of the Conference by the same method as nominations for the Officers are now secured.

The many friends of Mr. C. S. Udell, president of the Michigan State Conference and Director of the Western Conference, assembled in St. Paul, at the 57th annual meeting of the Western Conference, have learned with deep regret of the death of Mrs. Udell. They recall with gratitude the interest taken in the Unitarian cause by both Mr. and Mrs. Udell. While sending their heartfelt sympathy to Mr. Udell they mingle their hopes with his that—

What is excellent
As God lives is permanent,
Hearts are Dust,
Hearts' loves remain,
Hearts' love shall
Meet thee again.

*Resolved,* That the thanks of the Conference are returned to our brethren in St. Paul for the cordial and unbounded hospitality we have enjoyed, for the warm greetings given and evoked, for the friendships renewed and created, for the fellowship deepened, and the faith confirmed, and for the zeal and confidence we shall bear with us to our work. (Adopted by unanimous vote.)

*Resolved,* That it is the sense of this Western Conference assembled, that in the discretion of the Secretary the Western News Letter be so changed and enlarged as to become a worthy missionary organ of the Conference. Be it further,

*Resolved,* That in event of this move, the Conference urge the abandonment of local and local conference papers and the loyal support of the new organ.

*Resolved,* That a committee consisting of Rev. Fred V. Hawley, Rev. Wilson M. Backus and Rev. Ernest C. Smith, representing this conference, confer with Rev. Jasper L. Douthit concerning the future of Lithia Springs Chautauqua.

*Resolved,* That this Conference views with deep feeling and conviction the movement for peace and against war—deep feeling for peace as the ideal for the world, and deep conviction that it has become possible.

*Resolved,* That, while we cannot debate or pass on the question whether war is ever justifiable, war is plainly a dreadful barbarism, to be shunned and deplored every way.

*Resolved,* That we hail with joy every influence or measure for peace, and especially we hail as a grand possibility the idea or measure of the union of nations into a United States of the World, under a judiciary for the world, which shall replace force with reason and just arbitration.

The following resolution was referred to the committee named in the first resolution consisting of Rev. W. M. Backus, Rev. E. C. Smith, Rev. H. W. Foote, enlarged by the addition of Mr. C. W. Ames, Mr. Alfred Jacques, and Mr. Morton D. Hull.

*Resolved,* That in the judgment of this Conference the time has come for a larger extension of our work in this section. Therefore it submits the following method of business administration to the Directors of the A. U. A., with the request for a reply at its next annual session that will enable some such plan to become soon effective:

*First.* That the A. U. A. pay the expense of the Chicago office, the Secretary's salary, and traveling expenses.

*Second.* That the Secretary of the Western Conference shall be chosen by the Directors of the A. U. A. from a list of three names submitted by the Western Conference at its annual session.

*Third.* That Missionary work in the Western Conference territory, save under the educational and New American budgets, be conducted by the Western Conference, and supported by the income from its vested funds and its collections from the field.

*Fourth.* That this plan, if accepted, may be terminated at any time by either of the parties giving the other one year's notice.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

President—Hon. Morton D. Hull, Chicago.

Vice-presidents—Rev. George A. Thayer, Cincinnati, Ohio; Hon. A. J. Sawyer, Lincoln, Neb.

Secretary—Rev. Ernest C. Smith, Chicago.

Treasurer—Mr. Herbert W. Brough, Chicago.

Directors to May, 1912—Rev. M. O. Simons, Cleveland, Ohio; Rev. W. M. Backus, Minneapolis, Minn.; Rev. Mary A. Safford, Des Moines, Iowa; Rev. Ernest C. Smith, Chicago; Rev. Henry W. Foote, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Mrs. C. V. Mersereau, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. Emma N. Delano, Chicago.

## AMONG THE CHURCHES.

*Madison, Wis.*—The Madison society has had a busy and reasonably prosperous season. Eighteen persons have signed the membership roll since the annual meeting in January. The Lend-a-Hand Club has raised funds and put electric fixtures in the parlor and auditorium, thus completing the electric lighting of the whole building. The pastor's adult class, meeting at noon, has been addressed by Prof. E. A. Ross during January, by Mrs. Joseph Jastrow during February and by several other persons of note. A Sunday evening Bible class has been led by the pastor, the Old Testament Prophets being read and interpreted in the light of the higher criticism. The Sunday school is conducted by Prof. A. S. Flint, whose diligence and faithfulness react on the whole school. Eighty men sat down at the "men's dinner." President Van Hise, Senator Marsh and Prof. Freeman were the speakers of the occasion. Eight hundred pamphlets have been distributed from the vestibule and eight hundred dollars have passed through the hands of the Woman's Alliance treasurer.

*Urbana-Champaign, Ill.*—The late winter season has marked another advance in the new church at Urbana. A sermon series about Jesus seems to have increased the congregation. Jesus is still the most

interesting and inspiring figure in the world to religious people. At any rate, the congregations for two months have run from one hundred and fifty to one hundred and seventy, half the number being students. The students' Unity Club has in the evening discussed comparative religions. Various Hindoo and Chinese students have taken the lead in presenting oriental religions and comparing them with Christianity. The interest has been very keen, the average attendance being one hundred.

*Milwaukee, Wis.*—The year now closing in the Milwaukee church has been a happy one. After a long interim of candidating, the settlement of a new minister was sure to gather some who had long been indifferent and to rally new families from this large city, in which there is only one Unitarian Church. All the church activities have been carried on with vigor, and promise even better things for another year, with valuable additions to meet some distinctive needs of the parish family. The members of this parish are conspicuously active in the movements for betterment in the city.

In its Benevolent Society, the Alliance has been a good friend to the invaluable work of the Public School Alliance. By means of personal visits and investigations the Alliance has made this year an extended study of the Wisconsin Hospitals for the Insane. In the future this work will be presented by a special committee from the Alliance. This committee will undertake to organize a campaign of wise publicity to facilitate bringing about various improvements contemplated by the State Board of Control.

Monthly Vesper services on Sunday afternoons from November to April have been a satisfactory way of extending our Unitarian message to new people. Averaging considerably oftener than once a week, the minister of this church is asked to address all kinds of organizations, social, civic, educational and philanthropic. The congregations have increased slowly and steadily in numbers.

*Duluth, Minn.*—In Duluth, Minn., the church has prospered under a year's pastorate of Rev. George R. Gebauer. The attendance morning service is generally good, the Sunday School is growing, though not a large one, the women of the Alliance are faithful and interested, and recently a Unitarian Men's Club has been formed with a membership of over twenty. Also a society of little girls called the Lend a Hand Club has been formed, which is likely to be of true benefit to the church in future.

Occasional socials and the pastor's monthly "At Home" gave opportunity for friendly mingling of the people, and the addition of new members to the congregation and the Alliance is encouraging. We are not booming, but, we think, steadily marching on. There is a strong sentiment in favor of trying to build a new church, which is greatly needed, but the matter has not as yet gone beyond the first stage.

*Winnipeg, Manitoba.*—The First Unitarian Church (Icelandic) reports ten additions during the year and an active adult membership of one hundred and forty. The minister, Rev. Rognvaldur Petursson, preaches six times a year at Mary Hill P. O. and an equal number of times at Otto P. O., stations about seventy miles northwest of Winnipeg, and edits a monthly Unitarian magazine largely supported by non-members of his church. This publication is now in its fifth year. The Sunday School is handicapped by lack of proper manuals in the Icelandic language, but is quite successful in its preparation of confirmation classes.

The Chicago Associate Alliance met at Hinsdale May 6th, at the Unitarian Church, at 11 a. m. Mrs. Beebe, the president, in the chair. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved. Letters were read from Mr. Greenman, secretary of the National Conference, asking for plans of the Alliance concerning their meetings to be held during the National Conference in Chicago in September. It was voted to have a luncheon, as suggested by him, preceding the meeting of Sept. 30th. Mrs. Beebe appointed a committee of three—Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Allore, Mrs. Hayward—to arrange details of the meeting. The chair appointed the following as members of the nominating committee: Mrs. Delano, Mrs. Dudley, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Dellgren, Mrs. Pittman, Mrs. Jarvis, Mrs. Long. Mrs. C. C. Warren gave an interesting report of the Religious News Committee.

Mrs. Emma S. Adams, a member of the Audubon Society, was the speaker of the morning, "Spring Migrations" being her subject. She told of the great happiness derived from the study of birds and of the many beautiful visitors passing through the city just at this time and seen to such an advantage in the parks. As far as is known bird life is the only animate life that has remained unchanged for generations. Mrs. Adams told of the different attitude of children toward the birds in these days compared to what it was some few years ago, when most boys were seen with a sling-shot. The birds are studied now and loved for their song and beauty, so one would say with Darwin, "What a wonderful world we live in." At the close of Mrs. Adams' remarks, interesting and delightful incidents in connection with bird life were related by different members of the Alliance. The roll call showed an attendance of 61. On motion the meeting adjourned.

ETHEL W. MASON, Secretary.

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*Field Notes.*—The secretary preached the first three Sundays of April at Green Bay, Wis. On Mon-

day, April 19th, he went to Marinette, Wis., where he spoke in the evening to a little group of people who had been interested in liberal religion by a paragraph pulpit in the local paper. The last part of the month was devoted continuously to field work, the secretary preaching on Thursday evening, April 22nd, at Rock Rapids, Iowa, Friday evening at Adrian, Minn., Sunday morning at Luverne, Minn., Monday evening at Elkton, So. D., Tuesday morning he gave an address at the college chapel at Brookings, the same evening he lectured before a college society and Wednesday evening preached to the Brookings Church. In May one Sunday was vacant, the other Sundays being given to Hobart, Ind., St. Cloud, Minn., and Portland, Me. The third week in May he was in attendance upon the Western Conference meetings in St. Paul, while the last week was devoted to the Anniversary meetings in Boston. It was good to attend the meeting Sunday evening in Arlington Street Church, planned by the Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice, to see every seat occupied and large numbers standing throughout the service, to thrill to the prophetic words of the speakers and to know that the new duties taught by new occasions are being bravely taken up by our Unitarian body. The West was well represented upon the programs of the week, Prof. Carruth giving an address before the Ministerial Union on "The Religion of Today," Mr. Simons of Cleveland speaking at one of the Platform meetings on "The Necessity of Worship," Mr. Bennett of Lawrence on "The Attitude of the West Towards Liberalism" and Mr. Rihbany of Toledo appearing as one of the speakers at the festival with which the meetings closed.

At the St. Paul meeting it was resolved that the News Letter ought to be so changed and enlarged as to become a worthy missionary organ of the conference. Between now and November 1st the editor desires to receive suggestions relative to the proposed change and definite pledges of support. So far as the project has taken shape, it looks towards making the News Letter uniform in size and makeup with the Unitarian and the Pacific Unitarian. This will necessitate a subscription price of $1.00. We are confident that such an organ would be of value to our cause. Will it have your support?

Paragraph Pulpit

Unitarian

A Liberal Faith.

It must be *faith*. It may include knowledge, must, indeed, not contradict knowledge, but it must go beyond what is known, must lead men to do and to dare, to venture without complete knowledge of the outcome. It means committal to the highest and finest the soul has seen without guarantee of success. It must be *liberal*, not bound by phrases, able to survive the decay of creeds in which the faith of past ages expressed itself. It must be, not a "deposit" from the past, but a "dynamic" for the present, sending men and women upon the divine adventure in this present time. Its word is "Ask, seek, knock."

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SELECTED.

WORK.

"Mine is the shape forever set between
The thought and form, the vision and the deed;
The hidden light, the glory all unseen
I bring to mortal senses, mortal need.

"Who loves me not, my sorrowing slave is he,
Bent with a burden, knowing oft the rod;
But he who loves me shall my master be,
And use me with the joyance of a God.

"Man's lord or servant, still I am his friend;
Desire for me is simple as his breath;
Yea, waiting, old and toilless, for the end,
He prays that he may find me after death."

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FAITH.

"I know not whence I came,
I know not whither I go;
But the fact stands clear that I am here
In this world of pleasure and woe.
And out of the mist and murk,
Another truth shines plain.
It is in my power each day and hour
To add to its joy or its pain.

"I know that the earth exists,
It is none of my business why.
I cannot find out what it's all about,
I would but waste time to try.
My life is a brief, brief thing,
I am here for a little space.
And while I say, I would like, if I may,
To bringhten and better the place.

"The trouble, I think, with us all,
Is the lack of a high conceit.
If each man thought he was sent to this spot
To make it a bit more sweet,
How soon we could gladden the world,
How easily right all wrong.
If nobody shirked, and each one worked
To help his fellows along.

"Cease wondering why you came—
Stop looking for faults and flaws.
Rise up today in your pride and say,
'I am part of the First Great Cause.'
However full the world,
There is room for an earnest man,
It had for *me*, or I would not be,
I am here to strengthen the plan!"

—*Anon.*

## DIRECTORY

A Directory of the Independent churches in the Western Unitarian Conference. The object of this list is to direct those who care to know where to find our churches and ministers.

*Alton, Ill.*—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Vernon M. Cady.

*Ann Arbor, Mich.*—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. Henry Wilder Foote.

*Bloomington, Ill.*—Unitarian Church, East and Jefferson Sts Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. J. H. Mueller, 506 East Chestnut St.

*Brooklyn, Mich.*—People's Church. Hour of service, 7:30 P. M.

*Buda, Ill.*—Union Christian Society, Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

*Burlington, Iowa.*—People's Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

*Chicago, Ill.*—Hull Memorial Chapel, Fifty-seventh St. and Woodlawn Ave. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. W. Hanson Pulsford, 115 E Twenty-third St.

*Chicago, Ill.*—Unity Church, Barry Ave., near Evanston Ave. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Fred V. Hawley, 2429 North Hermitage Ave.

*Chicago, Ill.*—Third Unitarian Church, W. Monroe St. near Kedzie Ave. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Prof. George B. Foster.

*Chicago, Ill.*—First Swedish Unitarian Church, Wells Hall, 1629 N. Clark St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. August Dellgren, 831 E. Wellington Ave.

*Chicago, Ill.*—Central Unitarian Society, Music Hall, Fine Arts Building. Lecture at 11 A. M. Dr. Nathaniel I. Rubinkam, 4355 Oakenwald Ave.

*Cincinnati, Ohio.*—The First Congregational Church of Cincinnati. Reading Rd. and Linton St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. George A. Thayer, 304 Oak St.

*Cleveland, Ohio.*—The Church of the Unity, Euclid and Genesee Aves. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Minot O. Simons, 1916 East Eighty-second St.

*Colorado Springs, Colo.*—All Souls' Unitarian Church, Dale and Tejon Sts. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. J. Lewis Marsh.

*Davenport, Iowa.*—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. Robert E. Ramsay, 2104 Grand Ave.

*Decorah, Iowa.*—Unity Church. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M.

*Denver, Colo.*—First Unitarian Society, Broadway and 19th Ave. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. David Utter, D. D., 329 Broadway.

*Des Moines, Iowa.*—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Mary A. Safford.

*Detroit, Mich.*—First Congregational Unitarian Society, Woodward Ave. and Edmund Place. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Reed Stuart, 76 Stimson Place.

*Duluth, Minn.*—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. George R. Gebaner, 1209 E. Third St.

*Evanston, Ill.*—Church of All Souls. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. J. Vila Blake, 37 Ashland Blvd., Chicago.

*Fort Collins, Colo.*—Unity Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Duren J. H. Ward.

*Geneseo, Ill.*—First Unitarian Society. Hours of service, 10:45 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. David M. Kirkpatrick.

*Geneva, Ill.*—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 11 4 P. M. Prof. Geo. Foster.

*Gimli, Manitoba.*—Unitarian Society. Hour of service, Rev. J. P. Solmundsson.

*Grand Haven, Mich.*—First Unitarian Society, Washington St., between Third and Fourth Sts. Hour of service, 7 P. M.

*Grand Rapids, Mich.*—All Souls Liberal Church. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. H. B. Bard.

*Grand Rapids, Mich.*—Holland Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. B. A. Van Sluyters, R. F. D. 9.

*Greeley, Colo.*—Unity Church, Ninth St. and Ninth Ave. Hour of Service, 10:45. Rev. Milton R. Kerr.

*Hanska, Minn.*—Nora Free Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. A. E. Norman.

*Harrietta, Mich.*—People's Church. Hour of service, 10 A. M. Rev. B. A. Hills, Traverse City.

*Hinsdale, Ill.*—Unity Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. J. M. A. Spence.

*Hobart, Ind.*—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 7:30 P. M. Alternate Sundays.

*Humboldt, Iowa.*—Unity Church. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. C. P. Wellman.

*Indianapolis, Ind.*—All Souls' Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev Frank C. S. Wicks, 17 Michigan St.

*Iowa City, Iowa.*—First Unitarian Society. Hours of service, 10 A. M. and 7 P. M. Rev. Robert S. Loring.

*Jackson, Mich.*—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. R. Shaw Barrow, 508 Fourth St.

*Kalamazoo, Mich.*—People's Church, Park and Lovell Sts Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7 P. M. Rev. Joseph P. McCarthy.

*Kansas City, Mo.*—All Souls' Church, Baltimore Ave. and Armour Boul. Hour of service, 11 A. M.

*Kenosha, Wis.*—Henry M. Simmons Memorial Church, Chicago St. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. Florence Buck, 427 Congress St.

*Keokuk, Iowa.*—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. M. Rowena Morse, Ph. D., 519 Fourth St., W.

*Lawrence, Kan.*—The Unitarian Church, Hancock and Vermont Sts. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. Frederick M. Bennett, 1201 Vermont St.

*Lincoln, Neb.*—All Souls Church, Twelfth and H Sts. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Arthur L. Weatherly.

*Luverne, Minn.*—Unity Congregation Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

*Madison, Wis.*—First Unitarian Society. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. F. A. Gilmore.

*Manistee, Mich.*—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M

*Milwaukee, Wis.*—First Unitarian Society, Ogden Ave. and Astor St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Walter F. Greenman, 682 Astor St.

*Minneapolis, Minn.*—First Unitarian Society, Eighth St, and Mary Place. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Wilson M. Backus.

*Moline, Ill.*—First Unitarian Church, Sixteenth St. and Sixth Ave. Hour of Service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. Floyd B. Hardin, 1610 Sixth Ave.

*Monroe, Wis.*—United Liberal Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

*Mount Pleasant, Mich.*—First Congregational Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7 P. M. Rev. H. Van Ommeren.

*Neillsville, Wis.*—People's Church. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Without minister.

*Omaha, Neb.*—Unity Church, Seventeenth and Cass streets. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. Newton Mann, 421 N. Seventeenth St.

*Onsted, Mich.*—People's Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M.

*Ord, Neb.*—People's Unitarian Church of Ord. Hour of service, 11 A. M.

*Pueblo, Colo.*—Unity Church, Court and Ninth Sts. Hours of service, 11 A. M. Rev. J. Lewis Marsh, Colorado Springs.

*Quincy, Ill.*—Second Congregational Church, 633 Main St. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. C. F. Elliott.

*Salem, Ohio.*—Unity Church, Pioneer Building, Garfield Ave. and East Main St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. A. Irvine Innes, 181 Garfield Ave.

*St. Louis, Mo.*—Church of the Messiah, Union Ave. and Morgan St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. John W. Day, 320 North Newstead Ave.

*St. Louis, Mo.*—Church of the Unity, Park and Armstrong Aves. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. George R. Dodson, 48 Nicholson Place.

*St. Paul, Minn.*—Unity Church, Portland Ave. and Grotto St. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Rev. John D. Reid.

*Shelbyville, Ill.*—First Congregational Church. Hour of service, second and fourth Sundays of each month, at 10:30 A. M. Rev. Jasper L. Douthit.

*Sherwood, Mich.*—Unity Church. Hour of service, 7:30 P. M., alternate Sundays.

*Sioux City, Iowa*—Unity Church, Tenth and Douglas Sts. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. Manley B. Townsend, 410 Tenth St.

*Toledo, Ohio*—First Unitarian Church, Ashland Ave. and Prescott St. Hour of service 10:30 A. M. Rev. Abraham M. Rihbany, 4 Ashland Place.

*Topeka, Kan.*—First Unitarian Church, 918 Topeka Ave. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. J. H. Jones.

*Urbana-Champaign, Ill.*—Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Albert R. Vail, 1109 West California Ave., Urbana.

*Washta, Iowa.*—Unity Society. Service and Sunday School every other Sunday at 2 P. M. Miss Carrie Hoffman, Secretary.

*Wichita, Kan.*—First Unitarian Church. Hours of service 11 A. M. Rev. Edward Day.

*Winnipeg, Manitoba.*—The First Icelandic Unitarian Church of Winnipeg. Sherbrooke and Sargent Sts. Hour of service, 7 P. M. Rev. Roegno Peturrson, 582 Sargent Ave.

*Youngstown, Ohio*—Cor. Elm St. and Bissell Ave. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. W. L. Beers, 1406 Elm St.

"Let us all join hands and help for today we are alive together."

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*Marietta.*—Marietta Branch, First Uniarian Church. President, Mrs. Lucetta A. Palmer; Secretary, Mrs. A. Laura Coil, 232 Third St. Meetings, first Tuesday of each month at 2:30 P. M.

*Salem.*—Unity Circle of Salem. President, Mrs. Ida B. Cooper; Secretary, Miss Edna Richards, 283 Goshen Avenue. Meeting alternate Saturdays at 2 P. M.

*Toledo*—Toledo Branch Woman's Alliance. President, Mrs. E. D. Sheble, 2206 Madison Ave. Secretary, Mrs. Charles E. Chittenden, 2452 Glenwood Ave. Meetings Tuesday and Friday at 2 P. M.

*Youngstown.*—Woman's Alliance, First Unitarian Church. President, Mrs. Frank Kerr, 424 Burke St.; Secretary, Miss Rosanna Jackson, 376 Grace St. Meetitngs on second and fourth Thursdays at 2 o'clock.

### MICHIGAN.

Director, Mrs. Hiram Marks, 415 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

*Ann Arbor.*—Ladies Union, First Unitarian Church. President, Mrs. W. H. Pettee; Secretary, Mrs. Augustus Jewell, 525 Elm St. Meetings every Wednesday at 2:30 P. M.

*Ann Arbor.*—Fortnightly Club. President, Miss Ione Hunter, 801 Catherine St.; Secretary, Mrs. C. Selleck, 308 Fourth St. Meetings alternate Fridays, 2 P. M.

*Brooklyn.*—Woman's Alliance, Unitarian Church. President, Mrs. C. A. Ford; Secretary, Mrs. J. C. Aylsworth. Meetings first Thursday of each month at 2:30 P. M

*Detroit.*—The Women's Alliance. President, Mrs. Hiram Marks, 415 Woodward Ave.; Secretary, Mrs. F. B. Potter, 129 Field Ave. Meetings, third Friday of every month at 3 P. M.

*Jackson.*—The Women's Alliance. President, Mrs. O. G. Coleman; Secretary, Mrs. E. L. Fuller. Meetings alternate Wednesday afternoons.

*Mount Pleasant.*—Ladies' Union, First Congregational. President, Mrs. A. Borden; Secretary, Mrs. Dr. Getchell. Meetings alternate Tuesdays at 2 P. M.

*Onsted.*—Woman's Alliance, People's Unitarian Church. President, Mrs. Alfred Howard; Secretary, Mrs. Lucern Darling. Meetings last Friday of each month at 2:30 P. M.

*Sherwood*—Women's Alliance, Unitarian Church. President, Mrs. H. Runyon. Secretary, Mrs. F. M. Daniels. Meetings first Thursday of every month at 2 P. M.

### INDIANA.

*Indianapolis.*—Indianapolis Alliance, All Souls' Church. President, Mrs. H. B. Heywood, 1506 North New Jersey St.; Secretary, Mrs. Frank S. C. Wicks, 17 East Michigan St. Meetings first Monday of each month at 10:30 A. M.; second Mondays at 2 P. M.

### ILLINOIS.

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*Alton.*—Ladies' Aid Society. President Mrs. H. J. Bowman, 12th and Langdon Sts.; Secretary, Mrs. George R. Gebauer 102 W. Third St. Meetings alternate Wednesdays at 2:30 P. M.

*Alton.*—Anna D. Sparks Society. President, Mrs. E. G. Merriwether, 1820 Maple St.; Secretary, Mrs. Julia R. Floss, 404 Bluff St. Meetings alternate Tuesdays at 2:30 P. M.

*Chicago.*—Women's Alliance, First Unitarian Society. President, Mrs. E. C. Dudley, 85 Astor St.; Secretary, Mrs. A. N. Vallins, 3135 Groveland Ave. Meetings every Friday at 11:30 A. M.

*Chicago.*—Ladies' Aid Alliance, Unity Church. President, Mrs. James L. Rowe, 5 Chalmer Place. Secretary, Mrs. W. G. Cook, 27 Roslyn Place. Meetings every Tuesday at 11 A. M.

*Chicago*—Branch of Third Unitarian Church. President, Mrs. Chas. Hayward, 99 Park Ave. Secretary, Miss Emma Finch, 99 Park Ave. Meetings every Tuesday at 10 A. M.

*Chicago.*—Women's Alliance, First Swedish Unitarian Society. President, Mrs. E. Tideman, 1577 North Lincoln St.; Secretary, Mrs. August Dellgren, 767 Sheffield Ave. Meetings alternate Wednesdays at 2 P. M.

*Evanston*—Branch Alliance of the Church of All Souls. President Mrs. John McCarthy, 1625 Asbury Ave. Secretary, Mrs. George C. Richardson, 1406 Chicago Ave. Meet twice a month on Thursday at 10:30 A. M.

*Geneseo.*—Geneseo Branch, First Unitarian Society. President, Mrs. C. J. Limle. Secretary, Mrs. M. J. Miller. Meetings first Wednesday of each month.

*Geneva.*—Geneva Branch, First Unitarian Church. President, Mrs. J. Niles Wheeler; Secretary, Mrs. Emma A. Beebe. Meetings every Friday afternoon.

*Hinsdale.*—Hinsdale Alliance. President, Mrs. Mary S. Beebe; Secretary, Mrs. George E. Smith. Meetings alternate Wednesdays at 1:30 P. M.

*Quincy.*—Industrial Society, Second Congregational Unitarian Church. President, Mrs. C. E. Baker, 628 Spring St.; Secretary, Mrs. S. W. Eldred, 1454 Hampshire St. Meetings alternate Wednesdays at 2:30 P. M.

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*Minneapolis.*—Women's Club, First Unitarian Church. President, Mrs. S. R. Child, 914 Kenwood Parkway; Secretary, Mrs. A. D. Dollenmayer, 724 E. 25th Street. Meetings first and third Wednesday of each month at 10:30 A. M.

*St. Paul*—Unity Church Branch. President, Mrs. Henry E. Randall, 945 Ashland Ave.; Secretary, Mrs. Walter L. Chapin, 526 Laurel Ave. Meetings alternate Tuesdays at 2:30 P. M.

WISCONSIN.

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*Madison.*—Women's Alliance of First Unitarian Church. President, Mrs. Elizabeth W. Pudor, 504 Wisconsin Ave.; Secretary, Miss Laura Fairchild. Meetings twice a month on Wednesday at 3 P. M.

*Milwaukee.*—Milwaukee Branch of Women's Alliance. President, Mrs. A. Proctor Smith, 400 Keene St.; Secretary, Mrs. L. N. Doolittle, 651 Marshall St. Meetings second Friday of each month at 3 P. M.

IOWA.

Director, Mrs. G. S. Garfield, Humboldt.

*Davenport.*—Ladies' Working Society of the Unitarian Church. President, Mrs. F. A. Crouch, Walsh Flats; Secretary, Miss Ellen M. Gould, 316 East Tenth St. Meetings every Wednesday at 2 P. M., from September to January, alternate Wednesdays from January to July.

*Humboldt.*—Unity Circle, Unity Church. President, Mrs. George A. Jones; Secretary, Mrs. Charles P. Wellman. Meetings alternate Thursdays at 3 P. M.

*Iowa City.*—Branch Alliance of First Unitarian Church. President, Mrs. Henry Negus, Summit St.; Secretary, Mrs. Sarah P. Hoffman, 530 South Clinton St. Business meeting, first Friday of the month at 2:30 P. M. Sewing other Fridays at 2 P. M.

*Keokuk.*—Ladies' Society of First Unitarian Church. President, Mrs. A. J. Dimond, 718 High St. Secretary, Miss Carrie Hodge, 1108 High St. Meetings Monday afternoons at 3:30 o'clock.

MISSOURI.

Director, Mrs. C. V. Mersereau, 3830 Shenandoah St., St. Louis.

*Kansas City.*—Kansas City Alliance, All Souls' Church. President, Mrs. W. C. Root, 500 E. 44th St.; Secretary, Miss Marie L. Goodman, 4000 Warwick Blvd. Meeting first and third Friday all day for sewing; second Friday at 2 P. M. for discussion.

*St. Joseph.*—Alliance Branch, Unity Church. President, Mrs. Edith Patterson, 1002 North Ninth St.; Secretary, Miss Ella Dyer. Meetings every Wednesday, 2:30 P. M.

*St. Louis*—Eliot Society. President Mrs. J. W. Day, 320 N. Newstead Ave.; Secretary, Mrs. A. E. Mooney, 11 Parkland Place. Meetings third Thursday of each month at 2:30 P. M.

*St. Louis.*—Unity Branch. President, Mrs. W. R. Vickroy, 2901 Rauschenbach Ave.; Secretary, Mrs. C. P. Damon, 3522 Washington St. Meetings first Friday of each month at 3 P. M.

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*Lawrence*—Ladies' Aid Society. President, Mrs. O. E. Learnard; Secretary, Mrs. Belle K. Lindley, 1313 Louisiana St. Meetings every Friday at 3 P. M.

*Topeka*—Woman's Branch Alliance of Unity Church. President, Mrs. Anna C. Neilson, 633 Tyler St.; Secretary, Mrs. Thomas F. Doran, 121 Western Ave. Meetings every Thursday at 2:30 P. M.

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*Lincoln.*—Women's Alliance of All Souls' Church. President, Mrs. F. B. Harris, 1938 F St.; Secretary, Mrs. F. W. Hellwig, 1316 L St. Meetings first and third Wednesdays of each month.

*Omaha.*—The Woman's Alliance of Unity Church, Omaha. President, Mrs. E. B. Whitney, 4354 Charles St. Secretary, Mrs. H. D. Reed, Dundee. Meetings first and third Wednesdays of each month at 2 P. M.

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COLORADO.

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*Colorado Springs*—Woman's Alliance, All Souls Church. President, Mrs. Lulu Bell Linton, 1220 N. Tejon St.; Secretary, Miss Sarah J. Warren, 20 W. Caramillo St. Meetings second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 3 P. M.

*Denver*—Unity Church Alliance. President, Mrs. A. M. Hinsdale, 2655 W. 39th St.; Secretary, Mrs. L. A. Edwards, 1928 Grant St. Meetings first, third and fifth Thursday.

*Fort Collins*—Unity Circle, Unity Church. President, Mrs T. A. Gage, Secretary; Mrs. Ida M. Warren. Meetings every Wednesday at 2:30 P. M.

*Pueblo.*—Woman's Alliance of Unity Church. President, Mrs. Walter E. Scott, 511 West Eleventh St.; Secretary, Mrs. B. H. Osborn, 6 Block Q. Meetings second Wednesday of each month at 2:30 P. M.